

Ocean Air Freight Action Sought Now

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WASHINGTON, April 14.—Regular operations by a United States flag all-freight carrier between the United States and fifteen nations in Western Europe and the Middle East can be set in motion almost immediately under existing air transport agreements with those countries by the expedient of the United States designating an American flag carrier for cargo only, Raymond A. Norden, president of Seaboard & Western Airlines, said today at hearings before the Civil Aeronautics Board.

The hearings, which began March 8, are in connection with the application of Seaboard and five other air carriers, for certification from CAB to operate an unsubsidized all-freight service across the North Atlantic.

Mr. Norden defined the countries as Austria, Belgium, Canada, Czechoslovakia (when appropriate), Egypt, France, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Lebanon, Switzerland, Syria and the United Kingdom.

Mr. Norden stated that the development of trans-Atlantic air freight transportation would establish new international traffic centers in non-maritime areas.

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Cargo Flight Action Urged

WASHINGTON, April 14.—Regular operations by a United States flag all-freight carrier between the United States and fifteen nations in Western Europe and the Middle East could be set in motion almost immediately under existing air transport agreements if the United States would designate an American flag carrier for cargo only, Raymond A. Norden, president of Seaboard & Western Airlines, New York, said today at hearings before the Civil Aeronautics Board.

Mr. Norden defined those countries as Austria, Belgium, Canada, Czechoslovakia (when appropriate), Egypt, France (Route 1 as defined in the bi-

lateral air transport agreements between the United States and France), Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Lebanon, Switzerland, Syria and the United Kingdom (Route 1 and Route 2 as defined in the bilateral air transport agreements between the United States and Great Britain).

In addition, he stated, service by an all-freight carrier between the United States and Holland, Iraq, Saudi Arabia and Kuwait, could be readily implemented through an exchange of notes between governments.